

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO		Complete if Known	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT		Application Number	09/981,320-Conf. #4975
(Use as many sheets as necessary)		Filing Date	October 16, 2001
		First Named Inventor	Kenneth H. Abbott
		Art Unit	2173
		Examiner Name	N. Pillai
Sheet	1	of	2
		Attorney Docket Number	
		M1103.70778US00	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Signature _____ Date Considered _____

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 600. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. * CITE NO. Those application(s) which are marked with a similar asterisk (*) next to the Cite No. are not supplied (under 37 CFR 1.98(e)(2)(ii)) because that application was filed after June 30, 2003 or is available online. ** CITE NO. Those application citation designations marked with a double asterisk () are not supplied (under 37 CFR 1.98(e)(2)(ii)) because the application is a Japanese patent document. See Kinds of Markings for Japanese Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov/patent/apply/mpep/601.04. Enter the Office that issued the reference in the left-hand column (WIPO or JPO). If the Japanese patent document contains the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor, must precede the serial number of the patent document. Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST-15 if possible. ** Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO				Complete if Known	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT				Application Number	09/981,320-Conf. #4975
(Use as many sheets as necessary)				Filing Date	October 16, 2001
				First Named Inventor	Kenneth H. Abbott
				Art Unit	2173
				Examiner Name	N. Pillai
Sheet	2	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	M1103.70778US00

NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Signature	Date Considered	
-----------------------	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.